

**B. REMARKS**

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated November 27, 2006. Reconsideration of the application, as presently amended, is respectfully requested. Claims 1 through 25 were originally filed in this application. Claims 1 through 10, 12 through 16, 18 and 20 through 22 are hereby cancelled without prejudice. Applicant reserves the right to further present these claims in an application deriving priority from this application, including a divisional or continuation application. Claims 23 through 25 have been allowed. Claims 11, 17, and 19 have been amended for clarity purposes and not for any reason related to the statutory requirements for patentability. Accordingly, Claims 11, 17, 19 and 23 through 25 are currently pending.

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested for the reasons set forth in these remarks.

**1. *Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)***

Claims 1, 2, 10, 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970). Claims 1, 2, 10, 12 and 13 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claims 3, 4, 14 through 16, 18 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in further view of *Cowan* (US 6,115,743). Claims 3, 4, 14 through 16, 18 and 20 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claims 5, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in further view of *Zetts* (US 6,378,129). Claims 5, 6 and 8 are hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in view of *Zetts* (US 6,378,129) in further view of *Midgely* (US 6,115,743). Claim 7 is hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim 9 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in view of *Zetts* (US 6,378,129) in further view of *Cowan* (US 6,115,743). Claim 9 is hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim 21 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in view of *Cowan* (US 6,115,743) in further view of *Zetts* (US 6,378,129). Claim 21 is hereby canceled without prejudice.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by *Cramer* (US 6,920,579) in view of *Wang* (US 6,587,970) in view of *Cowan* (US 6,115,743) in further view of *Midgely* (US 6,115,743). Claim 22 is hereby canceled without prejudice.

**C. CONCLUSION**

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a timely Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner does not believe that the pending claims are in a condition for allowance, Applicant respectfully requests a telephonic interview with the Examiner to clarify certain issues raised by the Examiner before the Examiner issues another Office Action.

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